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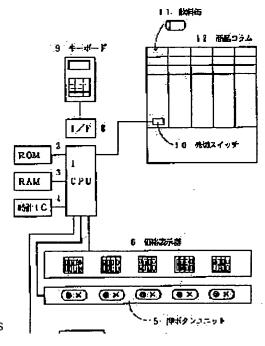
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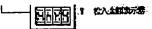
(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a vending machine which sells the commodities having their sell-by dates, discounts the prices of commodities coming near their sell-by dates to surely give the low price feeling to users and therefore decreases the number of overdue commodities.

SOLUTION: When the sell-by dates, a prescribed number of sales promotion days and the discount amounts of commodities are inputted via a keyboard 9, a CPU 1 stores these data in a RAN 3. The CPU 1 also executes subtraction from the sell-by dates every time the dates are updated by a clock IC 4. When a commodity is sold, the CPU 1 calculates the number of remaining days of the commodity against its self-by date, based on the preceding subtraction from the date. If the calculated number of remaining days is smaller than a prescribed number of sales



promotion days stored in the RAM 3, an amount equivalent to the discount amount is returned to a user. Thus, the user



can surely know the discount prices of commodities coming near their sell-by dates. Then the sales promotion effect is improved, and the number of overdue commodities to be disused can be decreased.

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